

First World War Service Record of Harold John Fossick Wilson

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Second Lieutenant H.J.F. Wilson,
Labour Corps.

221059

"DIED" 17th February 1919.

at 1, Western Gen Hosp, Liverpool,
from Influenza Pneumonia, whilst on
Christmas leave

Next of Kin :-

H.F. Wilson, Esq. (Father)
Linden,
Weybridge.

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1/51 to Agents. Circulate for claims.

Formerly No 22991. Pte. M.G.C. (Cavalry)
joined Garrison O.C.B. Cambridge 8.3.18.

1/8 (b) to R.P. Warley.

1/8 A to R.P. M.G.C.

1/124 to Records

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT.

To be rendered in all cases—(a) of recommendations for transfer or relegation—(b) when passing out of the Cadet Unit).

On Officer
Cadet

Regl. No.	22991	Rank	Pte.
Name	WILSON, Harold John		Regt. M.G.C. (Cavalry).
(in full)	Fossick.		

Date of joining Unit 8-3-1918 Age 26 Category B.1

Period of Service ...	(A) Home	1 year.	O.T.C. Malvern College
	(B) Overseas	2 years.	
	(C) Distinctions	-	
	(D) Wounded	Twice.	

Standard of Education *Good*

Military Knowledge *Esir*

Power of Command
and Leadership

Special Qualifications
(See Note (a))

Remarks Hindustani. Tamil. finds learning and bookwork difficult but should make a leader, always a brave spirit in company sport and a very nice although he did not pass Final written exam, he made good officer	Cross out those not desired below
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Units, in order of preference, to which desirous of appointment	1.	Seaforth Hrs.	Regular Army
	2.	R.W.Surrey Regt.	Special Reserve of Officers.
	3.	Gordon Hrs.	Territorial Force

Note (a): Such as Musketry, Bombing, Anti-gas, Machine Guns, Riding, Technical, Languages.

Date 7.8.18 Signature A. H. H. H. Lieut. Colonel,
Station Cambridge. Officer Commanding No. 22

Garrison Officer Cadet Battalion.

15. Whether able to ride.

Yes

16. Whether now serving, or previously served, in any branch of His Majesty's Naval or Military Forces, or in the Officers Training Corps. If so, state:—

(a) Regiment, Corps, or Contingent

(b) Date of appointment

(c) If serving in the ranks state whether on an ordinary peace engagement or for the period of the war only...

(a) 2nd King Edwards ^{at present serving}
Horse. transferred to
(b) Jan. 4th 1915
(c) serving in the ranks

NOTED ON CARDS
18.7.17
Form M.T.
S.D. 3 393 A

Application for Admission to an Officer Cadet Unit with a view to appointment to a Temporary Commission in the Regular Army for the period of the War, to a Commission in the Special Reserve of Officers or to a Commission in the Territorial Force.

The candidate will complete the following particulars and obtain certificates below as to character and educational qualification.

1. Name in full { Surname. Christian names.	Harold, John. Fossick. Wilson.
2. State whether desirous of appointment to— (i) A temporary commission in the Regular Army. (ii) A commission in the Special Reserve of Officers. (iii) A commission in the Territorial Force.	Temporary commission Regt
3. State in order of preference the branch of the Service in which desirous of serving e.g., Cavalry, Artillery, Engineers, Infantry, Army Service Corps, etc. NOTE.—Unless otherwise stated it will be assumed that a candidate is prepared to accept a commission in any branch of the Service.	Cavalry. Army Service Corps. Works or Labour Battalions (H.F.L.) Horse Transport.
4. Unit (if any) to which desirous of being appointed. (If for the Army Service Corps state whether for Motor Transport, Horse Transport, or Supply.) NOTE.—No guarantee can be given for appointment to a particular unit.	Weybridge, Surrey, England
5. Date and place of birth.	1891
6. Whether married.	No.
7. Whether of pure European descent.	Yes.
8. Whether a British subject by birth or naturalization. (State which, and if by naturalization attach a certificate from the Home Office.)	British by birth.
9. Nationality by birth of father (if naturalized, state date.)	British
10. Occupation of father.	Pluck to Hussar Drummond. 49 Charing
11. Permanent address of candidate.	Linden, Ballands Park, Weybridge.
12. Present address for correspondence.	Linden, Ballands Park, Weybridge.
13. Schools or Colleges at which educated.	Malvern College
14. Occupation or employment in civil life.	Rubber Planter in Malay States
15. Whether able to ride.	Yes
16. Whether now serving, or previously served, in any branch of His Majesty's Naval or Military Forces, or in the Officers Training Corps. If so, state:— (a) Regiment, Corps, or Contingent ... (b) Date of appointment ... (c) If serving in the ranks state whether on an ordinary peace engagement or for the period of the war only ... (d) Rank ... (e) Date of retirement, resignation or discharge ... (f) Circumstances of retirement, resignation or discharge ... (g) Whether in possession of Certificate A. ... (h) Whether in possession of Certificate B. ...	At present serving in the 2nd King Edwards Horse. transferred machine gun (b) Jan. 4th 1915 (c) serving in the ranks for the period of war (d) Private

NOTED ON

7.8.

1917

To be used for recruits enlisting direct into the Regular Army only.
 Army Form B. 178^A to be used for Special Reserve recruits
 and Special Reservists enlisting into the Regular Army.

MEDICAL HISTORY of

Surname Wilson

Christian Name Harold John Frederick

TABLE I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace .. Parish Weybridge County Surrey

Examined { on 4 - JAN 1915 191
 at LONDON

Declared Age 23 years days.

Trade or Occupation Printer

Height 5 feet, inches.

Weight 149 lbs.

Chest { Girth when fully Expanded 41 inches.
 Measurement { Range of Expansion 4 inches.

Physical Development Very Good

Vaccination Marks { Arm Right Left
 { Number 1 3

When Vaccinated Infancy

Vision { R.E.—V = 6/6
 { L.E.—V = 6/6

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease { (a)

(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection { (b)

Approved by .. (Signature) Ashton Hordern

(Rank)

Medical Officer.

Enlisted at London
 on 4. JAN 1915 day of 191

Joined on Enlistment

Transferred to

Became non-effective by

on day of 191

(Signature)

(Rank)

Corps.	Regtl. No.
<u>King Edward's Horse</u>	<u>1384</u>
<u>Machin Gun Corps</u>	<u>22991</u>
(Bar)	



SHORT SERVICE.

(For the Duration of the War).

ATTESTATION OF

No. 22991 387 Name Harold John Lonick Nelson Corps King Edward's Horse
Worcester Worcester

Questions to be put to the Recruit before enlistment.

1. What is your name?..... 1. Harold John Lonick Nelson
 2. What is your full Address? 2. Banker, 24, Hand's Park, Wybridge
 3. Are you a British Subject?..... 3. Yes
 4. What is your Age?..... 4. 23 Years..... Months.
 5. What is your Trade or Calling?..... 5. Engineer
 6. Are you Married?..... 6. No
 7. Have you ever served in any branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so, which? 7. Yes: O. T. C. Malvern College
 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated?..... 8. Yes
 9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service?..... 9. Yes
 10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you?..... 10. Yes (Name Mr. J. King Corps Recy. Staff)
 11. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided His Majesty should so long require your services?..... 11. Yes
- For the duration of the War, at the end of which you will be discharged with all convenient speed. If employed with Hospitals, depots of Mounted Units, and as Clerks, etc., you may be retained after the termination of hostilities until your services can be spared, but such retention shall in no case exceed six months.

I, Harold John Lonick Nelson do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

H. J. L. Nelson SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
H. C. Cooper Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

Harold John Lonick Nelson swear by Almighty God, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown, and dignity against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

The Recruit above named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.
The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.
I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me at London
on this 14 day of JAN 1915 191

Signature of the Justice Burch Major

† Certificate of Approving Officer.

I certify that this Attestation of the above-named Recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the : King Edward's Horse
If enlisted by special authority, Army Form B. 203 (or other authority for the enlistment) will be attached to the original attestation.

at 14 JAN 1915 191 Burch Major } Approving Officer.
place London

† The signature of the Approving Officer is to be affixed in the presence of the Recruit.
‡ Here insert the "Corps" for which the Recruit has been enlisted.

* If so, the Recruit is to be asked the particulars of his former service, and to produce, if possible, his Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of Character, which should be returned to him conspicuously endorsed in red ink, as follows, viz.—(Name) _____ on the (Date) _____
enlisted in the (Regiment) _____

Station	Corps in which served	Regt. or Depot	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	for fixing the rate of pension	to reckon towards G. C. Pay	Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries
Date						years days	years days	
	Service towards limited engagement reckons from					4. 1. 15		
	Joined at					Honston	4. 1. 15	
	2nd R.E.H.		Attested	Trooper	4. 1. 15			
	R.E.H.		France		5. 5. 15			
	R.E.H.		2nd Awarded		147	6. 5. 16		
			days 7. P. No 1		3			
	93rd Machine Gun Corps		Transferred		28. 7. 16			
			Authority		P. 14612			
	M.E.B. 93		Post		28. 7. 16			
	Home R.D.		Post		19. 4. 17			
	M.E.B. 93		Post		6. 10. 17			
	Total Service forfeited as above						

8 inches.

Statement of the SERVICES of No. 22991 Name H. J. F. Wilson Army Form B. 200.

Corps	Battn. or Depot	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed for fixing the rate of Pension	Signature of Officers certifying correctness of Entries
					years days	
Age on Enlistment				23 years - months.		
Enlisted for				{ years' Army Service. years' Reserve Service.		
Service towards limited engagement reckons from				4 - 1 - 15		
Joined at				Honston	4 - 1 - 15	
	M.E.B. 93	Transferred	Pte	8. 6. 14		
		authy M.E. Brown R.D.				
		124/83 8. 6. 14				
	Garrison R.C. Battalion	Discharged & Appointed to a temporary Comm in Labour Corps	Pte	14. 9. 18		
	Cambridge	authy W.L.L. 43/27/1911				
		M.S. 5a d/26. 8. 18				
		under para 392(xix) T.R.				
		for the benefit of public service				

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MILITARY HISTORY SHEET.

1. Service at Home and Abroad (including former service of re-enlisted men, when allowed to reckon towards A.C. Pay etc.)

COUNTRY	FROM	TO	YEARS	DAYS
Home	4. 1. 15	4. 5. 15		121
B.E.F.	5. 5. 15	18. 4. 17	1	349
Home	19. 4. 17	4. 9. 18	1	139
			<u>3</u>	<u>241</u>

N.B.—To be shown necessary to the stations of the England, Scotland to be shown under term "Home."

For mode Service abroad Regulations.

2. Whether educated at

(Applies only to Boys)

*Name of School to be stated.

Duke of York's Royal Military School,
Royal Hibernian Military School,
Queen Victoria School,
Industrial School under Home Office } *
or Local Government Board

Table III.—Boards; Courts of Inquiry, Vaccination, Inoculations, &c.; Examination for Foreign Service, Extension, Re-engagement, or Prolongation of Service; Issue of Appliances; Particulars of Dental Treatment, &c.

Date	Brief Details, and Signature
20-11-17	Classified (B1) by No 3 TMB. Marefield Park D. Woodmull Capt. R. A. M. C.
18-1-18.	Classified (B1) by No 3. TMB. Marefield Park D. Woodmull Capt. R. A. M. C.
24-5-18	Examined and Classified B1 by a Special Medical Board at the 1st Queen Gen Hospital at Cambridge Dec 21 of 1918 and 1606 of 1917 Disability—{Defective Vision}—Corneal ulcer (superficial) A. B. Mason Capt. R. A. M. C. M.O. i/c TROOP

No. of Pa

Rank and Name

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221059(3) Accts 4

LINDEN,
OATLANDS DRIVE,
WEYBRIDGE.

14/9/20

Dear Sir.

re 2nd Lt. H. J. Wilson

With reference to above,

enclosed I send you Settlers of
Administration, ~~and~~ of my late
Son, which please note & return
to me.

I shall be obliged if
you will send me what
is due at your early convenience
to enable me to settle his
estate.

Yours faithfully

Henry J. Wilson

The Secy

War Office.

Imperial Institute

372. 12. 11d.

6. - Disposal of Medals

„ Decorations

Register No. 221059/3
(Accts 4)

Extract from Letters of Administration (Will annexed).
Probate of Will.
Confirmation.

Dated 26th May 1920 Granted at THE P.P.R.
Resealed

1. Estate of Harold John Fossick Wilson of Linden, Catlands Drive,
Weybridge, Co. of Surrey, 2nd Lieut. Labour Corps.
2. Date and Place of Death died 17th February 1919 at the Military Hospital,
City of Liverpool, intestate a bachelor.
3. Will -
4. Grantees Henry Fossick Wilson, the natural and lawful father
and next of kin of the said intestate.
5. Gross value £ 372. 12. 11d.
6. Disposal of Medals -
„ Decorations -
7. Extracted by Scames & Vigo.
Solicitors, Ely Place,
E.C.1.
8. Produced by } Henry F. Wilson.
Linden,
Catlands Drive,
Weybridge.
9. Returned to }
10. Date of Registration 18.9.1920.

PJ.

& Vigo.
olicitors.

Union Bank Buildings,
Ely Place, Holborn.
London, E.C.1.

May 4th 1920.

Sir,
2nd Lieut. Harold John Fossick Wilson
Labour Corps.

We have been instructed by the Father of the above named who died at the Liverpool Military Hospital on the 17th February 1919 from wounds received in action, to obtain Letters of Administration to be granted to him.

The gross value of the deceased's estate is £373.12.11.

We beg to apply for a Certificate of remission of Death Duties under the Death Duties (Killed in War) Act 1914.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,
Soames & Vigo.

The Secretary,
War Office,
Imperial Institute,
South Kensington.

① to be " at once.

grew
21/4.

2059/2.

(Accounts 4),
LINDEN,

OATLANDS DRIVE,

WEYBRIDGE.

and 4 a/c to 4
bond to
Sept 16/6
a.s.m.

Laborn Corpst. the June 19.

Dear Sir.

With reference to my
letter of the 6th April & your
reply of the 15th April. re my
late son, 2 St H & F Wilson,
I shall be glad to know
what is likely to be paid
to his Estate, as I have
several accounts to settle.

Although he only obtained
his Com^d. in Sept/18, he
joined up on the 4th Jan/15
as a Trooper, in the 2nd
King Edwards Horse, coming
over from Singapore. I

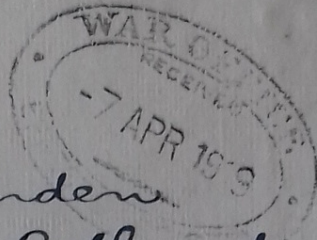
Kills MR 22/5

LINDEN
OATLANDS DRIVE
WYBRIDGE

prudence, you will inform
me as to any monies
due to him previous to
Sept/18.

I remain
Yours faithfully
Henry G. Wilson

The Secy
War Office
Imperial Institute



Sinden

Oatlands Drive

Weybridge

6th April 1919.

Dear Sir

My Son 2nd Lieut.
Harold John Fossick Wilson
of 296 Reserve Labour Corps.
Blancgarene, died at the
General Military Hosp.
Fayalmerley Liverpool on the
14th Feb last.

I shall be glad if you
will inform me what
money is due to him?
as I have to settle up
his affairs. Yours faithfully

The Sec^y Henry F. Wilson
War Office
Effects Branch West
Imperial Institute, S. Kensington

Secretary
War Office
Imperial
Institute,
London.

Lt. H. C.
No. 2. C.
Command, La.

